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Water-rates under various irrigation systems.

* 38 Q.—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether water-rates are compulsorily levied in respect of ayacut under the various irrigation systems;

(b) if the answer to (a) is in the affirmative, what the rates are; and

(c) whether such water-rate is levied in respect of irrigation of dry crops also?

THE HON. SRI KALA VENKATA RAO:—" (a) Lands included in the ayacut of an irrigation source are generally classed as wet. In the case of such lands the assessment is fixed taking into account the supply of water. No separate charge for water is compulsorily levied.

" (b) Does not arise.

" (c) If water is taken for dry crops or to irrigate dry lands a separate water charge is levied."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO:—" May I know, Sir, whether Government are charging water-rates even in respect of water supplied by canals which are dug by ryots and kept by the ryots? "

THE HON. SRI KALA VENKATA RAO:—" That is known as Government owned, and if water is taken from a Government source, the charges are levied."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO:—" Even if the source may be a Government source, if the maintenance of the canals is attended to by the ryots, why should the ryots be asked to pay water rates? "

THE HON. SRI KALA VENKATA RAO:—" That is known as ' kudimaramathu system '."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO:—" Apart from ' kudimaramathu system ' why should ' faslijasthi ' be levied when the ryots themselves take the trouble to keep the sands away from the canals? "

THE HON. SRI KALA VENKATA RAO:—" ' Faslijasthi ' is levied only with reference to those crops which will go to two faslis."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO:—" I mean the second crop."

THE HON. SRI KALA VENKATA RAO:—" There is nothing called second crop. ' Faslijasthi ' is levied only in regard to those crops which will go to two faslis, and not in other cases."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Canals are dug by the ryots and maintained by the ryots. Why should they be penalized simply because the source happens to be a Government source? "

THE HON. SRI KALA VENKATA RAO :—" The whole difficulty is that those ryots have undertaken from time immemorial to attend to the repairs of the works, and the Government source supplies the wager. There is nothing new in this matter."

Laying of pipe-line from the reservoir to headworks in Vizianagram Municipality.

* 39 Q.—SRI P. VIRABHADRASWAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Sanitary Engineer to Government has to prepare any estimate for laying the pipe-line from the reservoir to the headworks in the Vizianagram Municipality;

(b) if so, what is the estimate; and

(c) whether the Government propose to provide any grant to the Vizianagram Municipal Council to enable it to take up the work soon?

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" (a) & (b) No regular estimate has been prepared. To suit the requirements of Vizianagram for supplying an ultimate population of 120,000 in 1981, at the increased rate of 25 gallons per head per day, the size of the pumping main has to be altered to 21 inches against the existing 12 inches which may cost roughly Rs. 7·3 lakhs at the present rates.

" (c) The works in question will not ordinarily be eligible for any grant as they are not new works."

Malarial Research work in South Kanara.

* 40 Q.—SRI D. MANJAYA HEGDE : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the malarial research work was completed in the Beltangady and the neighbouring villages in Puttur taluk, South Kanara district, by an officer appointed for that purpose, some two years ago;

(b) if so, what the result of such investigation is;

(c) what steps the Government have taken as regards the anti-malarial work in such places;

(d) if no steps have been taken, why;

(e) whether it is a fact that the Government have allotted money for anti-malarial work in other parts of the Province; and

(f) if so, whether the Government propose to allot the necessary money for anti-malarial work in South Kanara district also?